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NEW PATENT APPLICATION Attorney Docket No.: 4617

Inventor: Thomas STEIN

Title: Exhaust Filter Arrangement For Vacuum Cleaner Housing

## Dear Sir:

1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:

a) 12 consecutive pages of written description;

6 consecutive pages with 20 claims, 3 independent;

1 page with an abstract;

1 sheet with 1 Fig. of formal drawings;

b) an executed fax copy of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;

c) Form PTO-2038 for (\$385.00) to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507;

d) a Preliminary Amendment;

e) Priority Document No.: 103 05 217.8;

- f) An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, 1 reference; and
- g) return receipt postcard.
- 2) The applicant qualifies for Small Entity Status.
- 3) The Priority of an earlier application:

No. 103 05 217.8, filed on February 7, 2003 in Federal Republic of Germany

is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please acknowledge the priority claim.

- 4) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.
- 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to: CUSTOMER NO. 021553.

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